(c) The Election Commission has already placed orders for the purchase of an aggregate of 1,50,000 electronic voting machines from the public sector undertakings, viz. Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad. The Representation of the People Act, 1951 has also been amended to make it legally possible for the electronic voting machines to be used in the voting process.

Setting up of an Export Processing Zone at Noida

956. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up an Export Processing Zone in National Capital Region at Noida; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what norms and criteria have been laid down by his Ministry and other authorities for allotment of land, facilities and incentives offered to new units in the said zone; and

(c) what are the names of the authorities for allotment of land and offering other facilities and incentives in the said zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Govt. have set up an Export Processing Zone at Noida at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 11.29 crores under Phase I for setting up of 100 per cent export oriented industries. The zone is spread over an area of 82 acres in Phase I. Production and exports from the zone started in 1986-87. Infrastructure development over another 200 acres in Phase II of the zone is progressing.

(b) Allotment of land and other basic infrastructure facilities are made according to the requirement of the units as projected in their application and approved by the Board of Approvals. The other facilities *inter alia*, include the provision of adequate production infrastructure, duty free import of capital goods and production inputs, excise duty and central sales tax exemption on indigenous inputs, cash compensatory support. On the output at 50 per cent of the applicable level, permission on a case by case basis to sell upto 25 per cent in the DTA subject to the exclusion of certain sensitive items and to the payment of applicable duties, a five years tax holiday within a continuous block of eight years, exemption from the FERA and MRTP Act, etc.

(c) The Zone administration headed by the Development Commissioner is the nodal agency for allotment of land and for coordinating the extension of various facilities and incentives.

Production of Vitamin B6

957. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question No. 2390 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vitamin B6 is being produced from intermediate stage in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that import contents are more than CIF price of the imported drugs;

(c) whether his Ministry studied the loss of foreign exchange in production of one Kg. of Vitamin B6 before shifting the drug;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that a number of drugs are kept under OGL and not shifted despite being produced from Basic Stage and saving foreign exchange; and

(f) if so, the names of such drugs and what is policy of his Ministry in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (f) Vitamin B6 has been licensed for production from basic stage. Vitamin B6 is being produced